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4/12 CAPSTONE

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Full-time to part-time with benefits

By Maj. Ashley Walker

913th Airlift Group Public Affairs

You can still serve the military part-time in the Reserve, whether you are about to finish your active duty commitment or have a few years left. Palace Chase and Palace Front are programs offered to active duty members to transition toward part-time reservists, serving one weekend per month and two weeks a year.

The Palace Chase program allows active duty Airmen to apply to be transferred to a reserve unit while they still have an active duty service commitment.

"Palace Chase allows the Air Force to retain quality personnel by provide them various ways to continue serving," said Master Sgt. Lyndsay Moen, Palace Chase and Palace Front liaison recruiter. "The ability to choose available jobs and apply to units across the country allows Airmen to pursue other opportunities such as full-time school and a stable environment for their families."

Enlisted Airmen approaching halfway complete with their enlistment contract are able to apply. If they meet the eligibility requirements and are released from their career field, they can serve the rest of their enlistment with the Reserve depending on the amount of time left on the active-duty contract.

Officers should contact Reserve recruiters to start the scrolling process at least six months out if considering the Reserves. This is an administrative process to ensure your commission transfers into the Reserve. Scrolling does not incur a commitment.

The Palace Front program allows active duty members who are finishing their commitment to smoothly transition into the Reserve without a break in service.

"When I left the Marines I missed the camaraderie," said Master Sgt. Bradford Hanberry, in-service Reserve recruiter. "I was able to find a happy balance through the Reserve and now I serve the Reserve full-time. The ability to switch from part-time to full-time can help provide some job security."

There are many options in the Reserve. There are opportunities to cross-train, to be part-time or full-time, move between Reserve units (depending on positions available), benefits such as Tricare Reserve Select, full tuition assistance and education support, and more.

To find a unit in the Reserve speak with your in-service recruiter or search jobs within the Reserve Management Vacancy System.



U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE GRAPHIC BY MAJ. ASHLEY WALKER

Palace Chase is a program for active duty Airmen who want to establish a new date of separation and finish their service commitment as a member of the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard. Palace Front is the process for active duty Airmen to smoothly transition into the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.

Resources:

■ AFI 36-3205, Applying for the Palace Chase & Palace Front Programs (https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/afi36-3205/afi36-3205.pdf)

■ Air Force Manual 36-2032 (https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/afman36-2032/afman36-2032.pdf)

■ AF1288 (https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/form/afi288/afi288.pdf)

■ AF 2631 (https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/form/af2631/af2631_locked.pdf)

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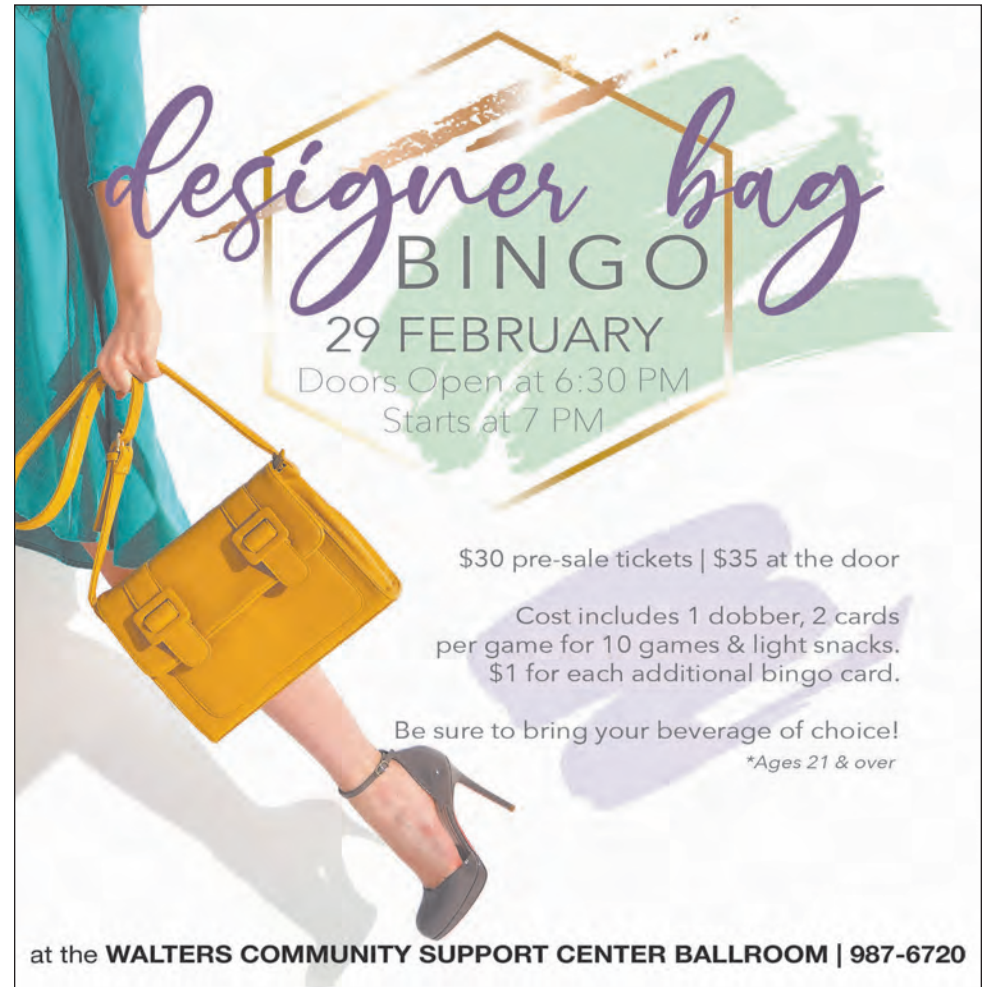
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A penny saved is a penny earned

By Staff Sgt. Jael Laborn

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Raising a family can sometimes feel like it is financially demanding, Airmen need new uniforms and bills need to be paid on time. The Little Rock Top III council wants Airmen in these situations to know the Airman's Attic is here to help.

"The Airman's Attic is extremely important to our community and underused by Airmen," said Master Sgt. Sarah Beyers, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production superintendent. "The store has furniture, home appliances, kitchenware, bedding, clothing, home décor, toys galore and a large number of baby items completely free!"

The Airman's Attic survives on donations from service members

and donors from the local community. The Little Rock Air Force Base store is ran by an all-volunteer force – Kristi Dedenbach, Tasha Greet and Dakota McGowan are the store managers.

"I would like to highlight the fact that these women are 100% volunteers and have busy lives; often juggling responsibilities to open the doors each week," Beyers said. "They typically each spend ten hours a week maintaining the store, providing customer support and directing volunteers."

One of the volunteer store managers, who's been working at the Airman's Attic since October 2019, began as a customer.

"I used to come in and shop and I saw that they needed help," said LaTasha Greet, Airman's Attic manager. "I love to help people. This

place is important because it helps people with so many different kinds of items for free."

Beyers explained the store averages 200 items per week and sorts through an estimated 7,000 pounds of donations per year.

"Volunteers are needed to restock shelves, organize the store, sort through donations and interact with customers," Beyers said. "The store is thankful for the donors and volunteers are needed to keep the store afloat."

The Airman's Attic is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, to E-6 and below, including dependents, and is located in Building 864 Thomas Drive, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, 72099.

For more information please call 501-987-4105.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JAE LABORN

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Letyraial Cunningham, 19th Civil Engineer Squadron engineer, browses through items in the Airman's Attic at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 29. All items in the Airmen's Attic are donated by Team Little Rock members in an effort to give back to military members' households.

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The 2020 Little Rock Air Force Base Compatible Use Study is a cooperative planning effort conducted as a joint venture between Little Rock AFB and Pulaski County, White County, Lonoke County, Cabot, Jacksonville, Sherwood, Lonoke, Maumelle, North Little Rock and other jurisdictions and stakeholders in proximity to the base. In addition to

the Little Rock AFB, the Study also includes lands near Camp Robinson and Blackjack Drop Zone, which are used by the Air Force, as well. The City of Jacksonville is the Compatible Use Study project sponsor and coordinating office.

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and state stakeholders.

The Compatible Use Study project team is using a short survey to gain insights into community perceptions and opinions relating to the presence and activities of Little Rock AFB, Camp Robinson, and Blackjack Drop Zone. We appreciate your input and request that you do not complete this survey more than once. While you are always welcome to provide your input on the 2020 Little Rock AFB Compatible Use Study by going to www.littlerockafb-cus.org, we will only accept survey responses until at 5 p.m. March 6.

For a hard-copy of the survey and instructions for submitting a response in writing instead of online, please email tsmith@planningandlaw.com.

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A C-130J Super Hercules from the 61st Airlift Squadron departs from Little Rock Air Force Base for a capstone exercise taking place in the Indo-Pacific Command's area of responsibility on Feb. 5. This capstone and agile combat employment provides a unique training opportunity while exposing 19th AW personnel to the Indo-PACOM AOR.

19th AW tackles first 4/12 capstone

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Aaron Irvin,
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 61st Airlift Squadron, along with Airmen from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 19th Operations Support Squadron and the 41st Airlift Squadron will integrate with units from Yokota, Kadena and Misawa Air Bases in Japan, and Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea for a full spectrum readiness operation in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's area of responsibility during their 4/12 FSR Capstone Feb. 5-25.

In 2019 the new 4/12 deployment initiative was coordinated among airlift squadrons from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and Little Rock AFB, allowing each squadron to rotate on deployments for four months followed by 12 months of dwell time. While one squadron is fulfilling their rotational deployment, the other three will be focused on sharpening readiness, allowing more time to train for tomorrow's fight.

"This capstone exercise culminates the past 12 months where we actively use the training and tactics we acquired," said Capt. Greg Hollen, 61st Airlift Squadron pilot.

The 61st Airlift Squadron returned in May, 2019, marking the first C-130J squadron in the past 18 years to have an entire year of dwell time, beginning the cycle for the four squadrons.

The 12 months of dwell time allows nine months to focus on core mission objectives, and three months of deployment specific training.

"Since the new national defense strategy came out two years ago, we've been training on a number of different tactics we use all around Arkansas, while simulating different regions of the world," Hollen said.

This capstone and Agile Combat Employment exercise provides a unique training opportunity while exposing 19th AW personnel to the Indo-PACOM AOR.

"The end goal is to flatten the learning curve so if we were to deploy

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short-notice, it wouldn't be a shock," Hollen said. "Right now about 10 to 20 percent of Airmen in the squadron have flown in that part of the world – through this exercise, we're going to increase that to nearly 70 percent."

The exercise involves various types of training, including distributed operations, agile combat employment, Combat Air Force integration, degraded command and control operations, and executing mission type orders.

"In the end, the purpose of this exercise is to validate training and allow members to adapt to a new environment," Hollen said. "Mission type orders allow us to give a crew a mission for the day and have them work with the user directly and figure it out with little to no oversight – improving their overall readiness."



(Above) Airmen from the 61st Airlift Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base prepare to depart for a capstone exercise taking place in the Indo-Pacific Command's area of responsibility on Feb. 5. The capstone is intended to increase performance and strengthen mission execution while reinforcing National Defense Strategy objectives. (Left) Airmen from the 61st Airlift Squadron load bags onto a C-130J Super Hercules at Little Rock Air Force Base on Feb. 5. The 61st Airlift Squadron, along with Airmen from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 19th Operations Support Squadron and the 41st Airlift Squadron will integrate with units from Yokota, Kadena and Misawa Air Bases in Japan, and Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.



A crew chief from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepares to marshal out a C-130J Super Hercules at Little Rock Air Force Base on Feb. 5 for a capstone exercise taking place in the Indo-Pacific Command's area of responsibility. The exercise involves various types of training, including distributed operations, agile combat employment, Combat Air Force integration, degraded command and control operations and executing mission type orders.

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AF tradition honored: 19th AMXS reinstates Dedicated Crew Chief program

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The 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron reinstated the Dedicated Crew Chief program Feb. 6 at Little Rock Air Force Base.

In a formal induction ceremony, a total of 28 DCCs and 26 Assistant DCCs were appointed to the position and assumed responsibility of their assigned aircraft.

"The DCC program is a time-honored Air Force tradition dating back to World War II when maintainers were assigned to an individual aircraft and responsible for getting it prepped and ready to accomplish the mission," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Keith Schiesz, 19th AMXS officer in charge of the dragons aircraft maintenance unit.

This program empowers Airmen to delegate responsibility ensuring each aircraft is well maintained, receives up-to-date inspections and undergoes required heavy maintenance.

"DCCs are the tip of the spear for the 19th AMXS," Schiesz said. "Each applicant goes through a rigorous qualification process where we look at sustained superior performance, adherence to technical data, quality assurance records, safety history, and many other reports to ensuring the best of the best are selected."

Ownership is solidified by marking the name of the DCC and ADCC on the aircraft for which they are responsible.

Throughout the process of reinstating the program, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman English Strange, 19th AMXS crew chief, now a DCC, played an integral role. As a new Airman, she received on-the-job training from her mentor on one specific aircraft. Familiarizing herself with the ins and outs of a single aircraft allowed her to easily assess and fix problems faster than jumping from aircraft to aircraft, she recalled.

"The DCC program instills true pride into being a crew chief and a maintainer," Strange said. "Having my name on that aircraft brings me that sense of 'I want to do it, and I want to do it right.'"



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Kahlin Dawson, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, unveils his name on his assigned aircraft as part of the Dedicated Crew Chief program at Little Rock Air Force Base on Feb. 6. The DCC program is a time-honored Air Force tradition dating back to World War II when maintainers were assigned to an individual aircraft and responsible for

DCC's alleviate some of the day-to-day stressors by fixing a multitude of problems on different aircraft, allowing them to spend more time properly training ADCCs to become experts in their craft.

"Each aircraft has its own personality, just like we each have our own personalities," Strange said. "Our belief is the aircraft is only as good as the maintainer who's on it."

The program also holds a special place in the heart of former DCC, U.S. Air Force

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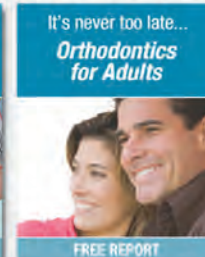
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Lt. Col. Donald Hudson, 19th AMXS commander.

"Being a DCC is one of the most impactful positions in delivering airpower," Hudson said. "You are going to get to know all the intricacies and form a symbiotic relationship between you and the aircraft."

While many of the DCC's and ADCC's are crew chiefs, the role is not exclusively slotted to them. Maintainers are selected on the basis of initiative, technical knowledge, management and leadership ability, regardless of their respective Air Force specialty code.

"I was able to see the DCC program executed in a deployed environment," Strange said. "It allows us to perform at a better rate, which in turn, allows our aircraft to perform at a better rate."

The DCC program is one of the many Airmen-empowered initiatives that helps inspire a culture of trust, and accountability, infused with a warrior ethos — a priority for U.S. Air Force Col. John Schutte, 19th Airlift Wing commander.

"The mission for this wing is to project and sustain agile combat airlift — we as a base are in the business of Combat Airlift, and you are the core of that mission — you should take great pride in that," Schutte said to the newly inducted DCCs. "We couldn't do what we do without the hard work, sweat and toil that you put in every day to make sure these aircraft are mission ready."



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Richardson, 19th Maintenance Group superintendent, issues the Dedicated Crew Chief pledge during a formal induction ceremony at Little Rock Air Force Base on Feb. 6. This program empowers Airmen to delegate responsibility ensuring each aircraft is well maintained, receives up-to-date inspections and undergoes heavy maintenance, as required.

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- **1959** – A USAF rocket-powered rail sled attained Mach 4.1 (3888.2 mph) in New Mexico.
- **1988** – USMC Col. William Higgins, a veteran of the Vietnam, serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon by pro-Iranian terrorists. He was later slain by his captors. His remains were recovered and interred at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1999, the U.S. Navy named an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer DDG-76 in his honor.


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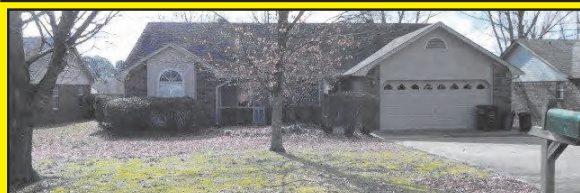


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